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## Minutes Regular City Council Meeting November 20, 2017

- 1) **Call to Order** - Mayor Richard Harralson called the meeting to order at 7PM.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Shannon Brakebill, Brad Mullings and Rodney Lee. Also present: City Clerk Lynn Esser, PW Director Rick Davis, Water/Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland, Chief Bobby Smith and Sgt Jeffery Inmon.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Rodney Lee moved to approve the agenda. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017 & Closed Session Meeting October 16, 2017. Rodney Lee moved to amend the date on the minutes to reflect October 16 rather than 15 and to approve the regular and the closed session minutes for October 16, 2016. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee moved to approve payment of pending bills. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
  - a) Tony Busby – 401 S Main St. – discuss PHPD ticket writing --- not present
  - b) David Calhoun – 5483 State Highway H – Zoning – Mr. Calhoun addressed the Board of Alderman about the acreage across the street from City Hall. He is the new owner and does not intend to build either commercial or residential as the former owner was approved to do. Maybe in the future. There have been cattle on that property long before zoning and they were grandfathered. His plan is to continue to run cattle until such time that he would consider developing. He basically requested a zoning change from C-1 and R-1 to A-1. Rodney Lee moved to approve the request to A-1. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed. Rick Davis informed the Board of Alderman that he has been trying to dig a meter pit for Mr. Calhoun and the ground is too hard, rocky and dry. He requested approval to pursue some outside help and bigger equipment. Rodney Lee moved to give Rick permission to pursue help with the digging of the meter pit. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
  - c) Robert Stevens – 502 McCurry – Letter about nuisance issues was received by City Clerk Lynn Esser and was forwarded to Chief Bobby Smith. Mr. Stevens of 502 McCurry was concerned about properties not being maintained properly maintained. Sgt Inmon responded to the letter and advised the Board of Alderman that he had contacted the offenders in the area and the yards have been neatened up. Chief Smith advised the Board of Alderman that he had responded to Mr. Stevens email.
- 8) **Old Business:**
  - a) Review of Mutual Aid Agreement with Fair Grove – Mayor Harralson addressed the Board of Alderman with concerns about the Fair Grove agreement and stated he had spoken to several people in Fair Grove about the agreement and that he could not in good faith sign the agreement. He also noted that he had spoken to Chief Smith and they were both in agreement to withdraw the approval. Rodney Lee moved to have the Board withdrawal approval from the agreement. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
  - b) Review and Questions ICW Protection of City Property & Facilities Policy – Troy Copeland address the Board of Alderman about some of the language in in the new policy and voiced concerns about making sure he understood what was expected. Each item of concern was discussed and addressed. Rodney Lee moved to change the work “will” to the word( “may” be cause for disciplinary action...) Brad Millings second. All in favor none opposed.
  - c) Status on complaint about dog pooh on parking lot at Main & Adams – Sgt. Inmon advised the Board of Alderman that he had address the issue with one of the dog owners, but was still trying to find out who owns several other dogs that have been seen on the lot.
  - d) Status on the junk in yard at 5482 Kay St. – Sgt. Inmon advised the Board of Alderman that a citation was

mailed to the owner at that address and that the city attorney would be addressing the issues at the next court date.

- e) Status on overgrown yard at 411 Cowden St. – Sgt. Inmon advised the Board of Alderman that the yard had been mowed by a company out of Springfield.
- f) Status on bids & sale of 4-old PHPD radios – Chief Smith advised the Board of Alderman that he did not receive any bids and would continue to pursue bids on the radios.
- g) Status on 2017 Forecast and 2018 Budget – Lynn Esser reviewed both the Forecast and the Budget for 2018 along with a request for payroll increases for 2018. Rodney Lee moved to approve the payroll increases as presented for the 1<sup>st</sup> pay period in January. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Lynn Esser advised that board that they will be approving the amended budget for 2017, the new budget for 2018 by ordinance along with an ordinance for the payroll changes at the next regular meeting December 19, 2017.

**9) New Business**

- a) none

**10) Mayor and Alderman Communications**

- Mayor Harralson noted concerns about overgrown back yard, 2-old trucks and a truck bed in the weeds behind 2016 Carolyn Dr. Sgt Inmon noted that he was aware and would be addressing the issue with the owner.
- Rodney Lee suggested a canvas for old cars, other nuisance debris and over grown backyards for the entire city.
- Gary Dooley noted that there was a large farm machine was too close to the street on Pirate Lane. It should be moved to meet the ordinance distance from the street.
- Also discussed was the house owned by Tracy Agee across the street from the City Park. The two trailers on the East side of Rush street where discussed along with the stuff behind Dollar General on the property owned by the Esdell's.

**11) Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser provided all monthly financial reports.

**12) Monthly Report Public Works** – Rick Davis & Troy Copeland discussed the progress on the conversion on PW-1 from a pickup bed to a flat bed and advised the Board that PW-1 is in need of brakes.

**13) Monthly Report Police Dept. – Police** Chief Bobby Smith gave praise to Sgt Inmon for presenting a class on bullying to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades and described how well it was received. Sgt Inmon requested approval to spend \$50 on pizzas for a luncheon to honor stand up student. Other Greene and Polk County agencies have been invited to attend. Rodney Lee move to approve the request for \$50 in conjunction with the luncheon. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Chief Smith advised the Board of Alderman about a conflict with a company called FormDocs and that the former Chief had purchased what they are calling a pirated copy of their software. FormDocs has locked the department out of their software and said that the City will be hearing from their lawyer and to stop contacting them. Chief Smith updated the Board on personnel changes and requested permission to bring Terin Cantrell on as a Reserve Officer. Mr. Cantrell's application and training documents were circulated. Rodney Lee moved to approve Mr. Cantrell as a Reserve Officer. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Chief Smith reported the Reserve Officer Deckard was progressing very well and she looks to be a good fit for the department. Brad Mullings asked the Chief for a work schedule. Rodney Lee requested that all three banks be given a work schedule. Chief Smith, with the addition of Reserve Officer Cantrell, will prepare a work schedule for both the Board of Alderman and the banks.

**14) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.** not used

**15) Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

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Mayor Richard Harralson

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City Clerk Lynn Esser